

The special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Thursday March 31, 2011 in City Council Chambers. Alderman Israel called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Present on roll call: Aldermen Israel and Pfeiffer, Alderwoman Hoyle arrived at 3:12 Alderwoman Finlayson, Aldermen Kirby and Arnett

Staff Present: City Manager Mallinoff, Finance Director Miller, MIT Director Thorn, Fire Chief Stokes, DNEP Director Broadbent, Deputy Chief Remaley, Deputy Chief Simmons, Finance Committee Consultant Donovan

Mr. Miller offered an overview of the City budget, specifically addressing changes in accounting from last year to this. Mr. Miller also discussed the effort to correctly fund the enterprise funds.

Mr. Miller discussed the Finance department budget.

Mr. Donovan inquired about the education and travel budget.

Mr. Miller stated that MUNIS training is separate from that budget item. It is included in the total cost for MUNIS implementation.

Mr. Thorn offered a presentation on the budget of MIT (attached)

Mr. Snyder spoke briefly on the purchasing budget. There was discussion of the WMBE function moving to procurement.

Mr. Mallinoff addressed questions about timely payment of vendors by the City.

Chief Stokes discussed the Fire Department Budget. (Materials attached)

Mr. Mallinoff discussed the term "slack" that appears in the budget.

There was general discussion of the position summery and enhancements in the Fire Department Budget.

There was general discussion of the possibility of merging city and county public safety pension funds.

Chief Stokes discussed his department enhancements.

There was general discussion of the use of the fire boat.

Alderman Israel requested information on the frequency of use of the fireboat.

Mr. Rensted and Ms. Kimbo discussed the Human Resources Budget.

There was discussion of the education budget in light of certification needs of personnel.

Alderman Arnett requested a copy of the current pay plan be distributed to council.

There was general discussion of the conversions of contract employees to civil service and exempt positions.

Alderman Kirby requested a list of the employees who are being converted.

Ms. Broadbent offered a presentation on the DNEP budget. (Attached)

There was general discussion of the WMBE function.

The committee reviewed the department enhancements.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Hilary Roggio Raftovich
Standing Committee Clerk